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**MEETING OF THE**

**TRANSPORTATION AND  
COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN TIME**

**Thursday, February 7, 2008**

**10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

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Diels, Steve  
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# TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

## AGENDA

FEBRUARY 7, 2008

		TIME	PG#
1.0	<b><u>CALL TO ORDER &amp; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u></b> <i>(Alan Wapner, Chair )</i>		
2.0	<b><u>PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD</u></b> – Members of the public desiring to speak on items on the agenda, or items not on the agenda, but within the purview of the Council, must fill out and present a speaker's card to the Executive Assistant prior to speaking. A speaker's card must be turned in before the meeting is called to order. Comments will be limited to three minutes. The President may limit the total time for all comments to twenty minutes.		
3.0	<b><u>REVIEW and PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS</u></b>		
4.0	<b><u>CONSENT CALENDAR</u></b>		
4.1	<b><u>Approval Items</u></b>		
4.1.1	<u>Minutes of January 3, 2008 Meeting</u>	Attachment	1
5.0	<b><u>ACTION ITEMS</u></b>		
5.1	<u>Proposition 1B Goods Movement Funds: Increasing Regional Share</u> <i>(Jeff Dunn, SCAG)</i>	Attachment	5 min. 9
	Prepare region-wide letter to increase Southern California's share of Proposition 1B goods movement funds.		
	<b>Recommended Action:</b> Authorize letter from the region to Governor and lawmakers to increase Proposition 1B funds for the region.		

*"Any item listed on the agenda (action or information) may be acted upon at the discretion of the Committee"*



# TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

## AGENDA

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			TIME	PG#
<b><u>ACTION ITEMS</u> - Cont'd</b>				
5.2	<u>Discuss the Need for Each TCC Task Force and Sub-Committee</u> <i>(Philip Law, SCAG)</i>	Attachment	30 min.	13
	The President has requested that the TCC review the function and necessity of each of the Committee's task forces and sub-committees.			
	<b>Recommended Action:</b> Provide recommendation to the President.			
6.0	<b><u>AVIATION TASK FORCE REPORT</u></b> <i>(Hon. Alan Wapner, Chair)</i>			
7.0	<b><u>MAGLEV TASK FORCE REPORT</u></b> <i>(Hon. Lou Bone, Chair)</i>			
8.0	<b><u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u></b>			
8.1	<u>Update on the 2008 Draft RTP</u> <i>(Naresh Amatya, SCAG)</i>	Attachment	10 min.	23
	Staff will provide an update on the status of the Draft 2008 RTP, including comments received since its public release. In addition an update on the letters that were mailed will be provided regarding CETAP, I-710 Tunnel, Orangeline, and the High Desert Corridor.			
8.2	<u>2008 RTP Growth Forecast</u> <i>(Hasan Ikhata, SCAG)</i>	Attachment	10 min.	24
	An update will be presented regarding recent developments and comments related to the RTP Growth Forecasts.			



# TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

## AGENDA

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<b><u>INFORMATION ITEMS – Cont'd</u></b>				
8.3	<u>Update on the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF)</u> <i>(Philip Law, SCAG)</i>	Attachment	5 min.	29
	Staff will provide a status report on the region's TCIF application submittal.			
8.4	<u>2008 Regional Champion Awards</u> <i>(Barbara Dove, SCAG)</i>	Attachment	5 min.	33
	Each policy committee may nominate candidates for recognition and begin discussions of these candidates. Committees should plan to select their Regional Champions at the March meeting.			
9.0	<b><u>CHAIR'S REPORT</u></b> <i>(Hon. Alan Wapner)</i>		5 min.	
	The Chair will lead a discussion of Regional Policy Initiatives for input to the Regional Council and for the 08/09 budget planning session.			
	The Chair will invite Committee members to report on outside meetings that may have a relevance to the TCC's policy areas.			
10.0	<b><u>STAFF REPORT</u></b> <i>(Naresh Amatya, SCAG)</i>			
11.0	<b><u>FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS</u></b>			
	Any Committee member or staff desiring to place items on a future agenda may make such request.			



# TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

## AGENDA

### FEBRUARY 7, 2008

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	<i>TIME</i>	<i>PG#</i>
12.0 <u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>		
13.0 <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>		

The next meeting of the Transportation & Communications Committee is scheduled for Thursday, March 6, 2008, at the SCAG Office, downtown Los Angeles.



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Transportation and Communications Committee  
of the  
Southern California Association of Governments  
January 3, 2008

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*Minutes*

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**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE. AN AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.**

The Transportation and Communications Committee held its meeting at the SCAG office in Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Alan Wapner, Chair. There was a quorum.

**Members Present**

Aldinger, Jim	Manhattan Beach
Ayala, Luis	SGVCOG
Baldwin, Harry	San Gabriel
Beauman, John	Brea
Becerra, Glen	Simi Valley
Bone, Lou	Tustin
Buckley, Thomas	Lake Elsinore
Burke, Yvonne	Los Angeles County
Carroll, Stan	La Habra Heights
Chastain, Kelly	SANBAG
Chlebnik, John	WRCOG
Dale, Lawrence	Barstow
Dixon, Richard	Lake Forest
Garcia, Lee Ann	Grand Terrace
Glancy, Thomas	VCOG
Green, Cathy	OCCOG
Gross, Carol	Culver City
Gurule, Frank	Cudahy
Hack, Bert	Laguna Woods
Hernandez, Robert	Anaheim
Leon, Paul	SANBAG
Lowe, Robin	Hemet/ RCTC
Lowenthal, Bonnie	Long Beach
McLean, Marsha	North L.A. County
Messina, Barbara	Alhambra
Mills, Leroy	Cypress
O'Connor, Pam	Santa Monica
Pettis, Gregory	Cathedral City
Rutherford, Mark	Las Virgenes/Malibu COG
Smith, Greig	Los Angeles
Spence, David	Arroyo Verdugo COG

**Members Present (continued)**

Sykes, Tom

Ten, Mike – **Vice Chair**

Wapner, Alan - **Chair**

Walnut

South Pasadena

Ontario

**Members Not Present**

Adams, Steve

Brown, Art

Daniels, Gene

Diels, Steve

Dunlap, Judy

Edgar, Troy

Flickinger, Bonnie

Gabelich, Rae

Glaab, Paul

Hahn, Janice

Martinez, Sharon

Masiel, Andrew

Millhouse, Keith

Nuaimi, Mark

Ovitt, Gary

Quirk, Sharon

Roberts, Ron

Parks, Bernard

Stone, Jeffrey

Wilson, Michael

Riverside, WRCOG

Buena Park

Paramount

Redondo Beach

Inglewood

Los Alamitos

Moreno Valley

Long Beach

City of Laguna Niguel

City of Los Angeles

SGVCOG

Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians

Moorpark

SANBAG

San Bernardino County

Fullerton

Temecula

Los Angeles

Riverside County

CVAG

**Voting Members, Non Elected Officials**

McCarthy, James

Caltrans

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE**

The Hon. Alan Wapner, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

**2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public comments.

**3.0 REVIEW and PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

**4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

It was noted that a correction be made to the TCC Attendance Report to reflect that the Hon. Robin Lowe represents Riverside not San Bernardino and that the Hon. Robin Lowe did attend the December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting even though her signature was not reflected on the Dec. 6th TCC sign in sheet. Also noted was that the next meeting of the TCC is February 7<sup>th</sup>, not February 1<sup>st</sup> as reflected on the January 3<sup>rd</sup> agenda.

A MOTION (Hon. Lou Bone) was made to APPROVE the Consent Calendar. The MOTION was SECONDED (Hon. John Beaman) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.



## 5.0 ACTION ITEMS

### 5.1 2008 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Public Hearing Procedures

Pablo Gutierrez, SCAG, gave the committee a briefing on the RTP's Public Hearing Procedures. He stated that the 2008 Draft Regional Transportation Plan was released for public review on December 6, 2007. Based on the SCAG Public Participation Plan, SCAG is required to hold three public hearings and develop procedures for the public hearings. The hearings have been scheduled for the following dates, times and locations:

Tuesday, January 22, 2008 - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
SCAG Riverside Office, 3600 Lime Street, Suite 216, Riverside

Wednesday, January 23, 2008 - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
SCAG Los Angeles Office, 818 W. 7<sup>th</sup> St., 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Los Angeles

Wednesday, January 30, 2008 - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Orange County Transportation Authority, 550 S. Main Street, Orange

The proposed procedures for the Public Hearings were provided to the Committee for review.

A MOTION (Hon. Lou Bone) was made to approve the proposed 2008 RTP Public Hearing Procedure. The MOTION was SECONDED (Hon. John Beauman) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

### 5.2 Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA) Creating the Southern California High-Speed Transport Authority

Huasha Liu, SCAG, stated that Staff recommended that the TCC approve SCAG to enter into a JPA with the cities of L.A., Ontario and West Covina to create the Southern California High-Speed Transport Authority ("Authority") for the initial operating segment (IOS). The initial composition of the Authority comprises of elected officials from the cities of L.A., Ontario and West Covina given the current stations proposed for the IOS. SCAG would be a non-voting member.

The purpose of the JPA is to create a joint powers entity which would provide for the development of a regional high speed transport system (RHST) that coordinates with the state-wide rail service to be developed by the State High-Speed Rail Authority. More specifically, the goals of the Authority include completion of the planning process developed by SCAG, along with the implementation, management, administration, construction and operation of the regional high-speed transport system.

SCAG staff supports the creation of the Authority as this serves to support SCAG's efforts over the course of several years.

It is the time for the Authority to carry the IOS plan to the next level, which is to implement the plan including development and administration of the project.

A MOTION was made by (Hon. Richard Dixon) to authorize SCAG's Executive Director to execute the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) in substantial form with an inclusion of a letter from SCAG to include the San Gabriel Valley COG as a non-voting member of the Authority. The MOTION was SECONDED (Hon. Thomas Glancy).

After discussion there was a call for the question (Hon. Robin Lowe). The motion was SECONDED (Hon. John Chlebnik) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to end debate.

Vote on the motion. There were no objections. The recommendation was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

## **6.0 AVIATION TASK FORCE REPORT**

There was no meeting of the SCRAA because the committee has not been able to meet its quorum.

## **7.0 MAGLEV TASK FORCE REPORT**

There was no report this month because the January meeting was cancelled.

## **8.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **8.1 Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan (MCGMAP)**

Mr. Sam Morissey, Wilbur Smith Associates, presented the results of the Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan. Mr. Morissey stated that in May 2004, Metro took the lead in developing the Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan that would address goods movement challenges and identify solutions. To that end, Metro, Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC), Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and Caltrans, all agreed to procure the consultant services of Wilbur Smith Associates to assist in this effort.

To guide the development of this Action Plan, Metro and its project partners established a Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan Technical Advisory Committee (MCGMAP TAC). To foster an open planning process with public and private stakeholder participation throughout the development of the Action Plan, the MCGMAP TAC (1) convened Stakeholders Advisory Group (SAG) meetings, public workshops and meetings to solicit input from a broad cross section of stakeholders, (2) conducted surveys to obtain different perspectives on the goods movement issues, problems and potential solutions, and (3) maintained a project website to keep everyone informed. The result of this effort is an Action Plan that contains a full range of strategies and options (short, mid and long-term)

that can be implemented for the region, as a whole, as well as the individual counties.

A question was raised if the project would deal with grade separations that do not have to do with traffic, i.e. the Colton crossing? It was pointed out that the Colton Crossing was included in the Action Plan as one of the regional projects in the \$50 billion dollar total. The financial analysis of the plan looks into funding sources for the Colton crossing. The \$50 billion recognizes the need to balance the fair share contribution consistent with its impacts.

A schedule of the county workshops to be held throughout the region is posted on the website at [www.metro.net/mcgmap](http://www.metro.net/mcgmap). The next meeting will be held in San Bernardino on January 9<sup>th</sup>. There will also be another Los Angeles County meeting that has not been scheduled yet.

## 8.2 Update on the Draft 2008 RTP

Naresh Amatya, SCAG staff, reported that as a follow-up to the Dec. 6 TCC action to release the Draft 2008 RTP for public review and comments, letters were mailed out to the sponsors of four projects, namely, Orangeline, CETAP, High Desert Corridor and 710 Tunnel to provide relevant letters, documents etc supporting the projects to SCAG by January 11. He also reported that the Draft 2008 RTP and the supporting technical documents are now available to the public for download on SCAG's website. Hard copies of the Draft RTP were mailed out to the stakeholders, relevant state and federal agencies as required by law. Additionally, CDs containing all of the reports will be made available to the public and interested parties. In addition staff met with the representatives of FHWA/FTA informally. Primary concerns raised by the federal representatives related to fiscal constraint issues and the growth assumptions used in the RTP. Again, the concerns they raised relate to adequate documentation to support financial commitment for the user fee backed mega projects and documentation to support the stakeholder buy-in on the land use assumptions used in the plan. Three public hearings are planned during the comment period in Riverside, Los Angeles and Orange County on January 22, January 23 and January 30 respectively. The comment period closes at 5:00 pm, Monday, February 18, 2008. To date SCAG has not received any comments. When the comments do come in Staff will report to the TCC the nature of the comments.

## 8.3 2008 Regional Champion Awards

Chair Wapner stated it was time for the Committee to start thinking about nominations for SCAG's annual Regional Champion Awards. The awards acknowledge individuals who perform exemplary service in the Region. Each policy committee may nominate a person who is worthy of such recognition. Candidates should not be elected officials or public servants performing their regular jobs. Rather, candidates should be members of the regional community who go "above and beyond the usual" to serve our Region. The Regional Champions will be celebrated at the 2008 General Assembly.

Last year the TCC was the only committee that did not submit an award nominee. Chair Wapner stated that what he would like to do this year is have a volunteer committee that would review recommended nominations and bring the nominations forward to the TCC to be voted upon prior to the General Assembly. If any member of the TCC is interested in serving on the sub-committee get in touch with Chair Wapner.

#### **9.0 CHAIR'S REPORT**

Hon. Alan Wapner announced he would call a special meeting of the TCC in mid to late March to discuss the RTP public comments.

#### **10.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Per President Ovitt's request, discussion of the need for each TCC task force and sub-committee will be put on next month's agenda.

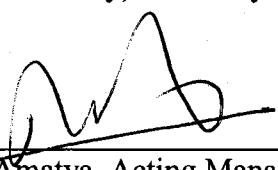
#### **11.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

#### **12.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The Hon. Alan Wapner adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

The next committee meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 7, 2008, at the SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles.**

  
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Naresh Amatya, Acting Manager  
Transportation Planning Division

## 2008

**Hernandez, Robert**



# REPORT

**DATE:** February 7, 2008

**TO:** Executive Committee  
Regional Council

**FROM:** Jeffrey S. Dunn, Government Affairs Analyst, (213)-236-1880, [dunn@scag.ca.gov](mailto:dunn@scag.ca.gov)

**SUBJECT:** Proposition 1B Goods Movement Funds: Increasing Regional Share

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:**



## RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- 1) Approve the attached letter to the Governor and state lawmakers requesting an increased regional share of the Proposition 1B Goods Movements funds through the budget and legislative processes;
- 2) Authorize SCAG staff to contact local governmental jurisdictions at all levels, our sister planning agencies, transportation and environmental partners, councils of governments, and other appropriate public and private sector entities, to secure support in this effort and to specifically urge that they co-sign SCAG's letter;
- 3) Authorize targeted meetings between SCAG's elected officials, legislative affairs' staff, and lobbyist with state legislators to secure a 'fair share' distribution of these funds to the region.

## BACKGROUND:

On November 7, 2006, California voters approved Proposition 1B, The Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006, providing \$19.9 billion for transportation infrastructure improvements in California. Of these funds, Prop 1B provides \$2 billion to be allocated statewide from the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) for infrastructure improvements along corridors that have a high volume of freight movement. These funds must be allocated by the legislature.

In the fall of 2007, Dale Bonner, Secretary of the California Business, Transportation and Housing Administration directed the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to adopt a program of goods movement priorities to enable the Administration to include a goods' movement allocation proposal in the Governor's FY 2008-09 budget. The CTC adopted its proposed Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) guidelines on November 27, 2007. The CTC proposes that an additional \$1 billion come from the State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) and other potential new funding sources. The guidelines support a corridor-based programming approach to the TCIF with the following ranges:

Location	Low		High	
Los Angeles/Inland Empire Corridor	\$ 1.5	billion	\$ 1.7	billion
San Diego/International Border Corridor	\$ 250	million	\$ 400	million
San Francisco Bay/Central Valley Corridor	\$ 640	million	\$ 840	million
Imperial County/Other Corridors	\$ 60	million	\$ 80	million
Administration Fees	\$ 40	million	\$ 40	million
Totals	\$2,490,000,000		\$3,060,000,000	

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These preliminary allocation guidelines are based primarily on geographic balance, not demonstrated need. At the high end of the allocation range, the SCAG region stands to receive only approximately 56% of Proposition 1B goods movement funds despite compelling facts that over 80% of the state's containerized cargo travels through the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, and over 80% of Californians exposed to dangerous levels of diesel emissions created by the massive movement of goods reside in the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, and Ventura.


The CTC's November 27 proposed guidelines are not final. The adopted guidelines are non-binding and may be subject to change, and the CTC will hold a number of hearings on the guidelines with final adoption scheduled for April 10, 2008. Any Prop 1B goods movement funds must be allocated legislatively, either as part of the Administration's budget or through other implementing legislation.

In response to the CTC's proposed guidelines, on December 12, 2007, 25 Members of Congress from the region sent a letter to Secretary Bonner expressing strong disappointment in the guidelines promulgated by the CTC and the manner in which they were applied to arrive at such a fundamentally unfair distribution of these resources to the Southern California Region. The attached letter from SCAG is intended to send the same, unequivocal message from local government to state lawmakers that the Southern California region is entitled to a substantially increased share of these resources more proportionate to its level of goods movement burden and activity.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

All work related to this item is contained within the adopted FY 07/08 budget, WBS# 08-810.SCGS1.


Reviewed by:

  
Division Manager

Reviewed by:

  
Department Director

Reviewed by:

  
Chief Financial Officer



February 7, 2008

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The Southern California Association of Governments - representing 187 cities, six counties, and over 18 million people - its regional transportation partners, and local elected officials from across the region join together in this request for you to take action to address the proposed, inequitable distribution of Proposition 1B goods movement bond funds to Southern California.

At issue is how the state will distribute a portion of bond proceeds from Prop 1B known as the Trade Corridor Investment Fund (TCIF), a \$2 billion program, together with approximately \$1 billion dollars from the State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) Account and other sources, for dedicated goods movement project funding throughout California.

On November 27th, 2007, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) adopted preliminary allocation guidelines that are based primarily on geographic balance, not demonstrated need. The Southern California region - which bears the brunt of goods movement impacts - stands to receive only approximately 56% of Proposition 1B goods movement funds despite the fact that over 80% of the state's containerized cargo travels through the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. In addition to the unbearable traffic congestion associated with this massive movement of goods through the region, our residents are also paying the price with their health. Over 80% of Californians exposed to dangerous levels of diesel emissions created by the massive movement of goods reside in the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, and Ventura.

Fortunately, the CTC's action of November 27 is not the last word. The adopted guidelines are non-binding and may be subject to change. Recognition of this fact came in the form of a letter from 25 Members of Congress from the region to Department of Business, Transportation and Housing Secretary Dale Bonner expressing strong disappointment in the guidelines promulgated by the CTC and the manner in which they were applied to arrive at such a fundamentally unfair distribution of these resources to the Southern California Region.

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These Members of Congress strongly urged reconsideration of the guidelines, and we ask that you join them in making the same request. Furthermore, any funding for the projects must be appropriated through the budget and legislative appropriations process. We respectfully ask for your help here as well. Simply put, these goods movement funds should be allocated on the basis of demonstrated need, not geopolitics, and in this regard the case for the Southern California region receiving a significantly greater share of funds more proportionate to its level of goods movement burden and activity is compelling.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and, if you would wish to discuss this issue any further, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Gary Ovitt  
Supervisor  
County of San Bernardino

Cc: Senator Don Perata, President pro Tem  
Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez  
Senate Majority Leader Gloria Romero  
Senate Minority Leader Dick Ackerman  
Assembly Majority Floor Leader Karen Bass  
Assembly Minority Floor Leader Michael Villines  
Senator Alan Lowenthal, Chair, Senate Transportation & Housing Committee  
Senator Tom Torlakson, Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee  
Assemblymember, Pedro Nava, Chair, Assembly Transportation Committee  
Assemblymember Mark Leno, Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee  
Members, Southern California Legislative Delegation


# REPORT

**DATE:** February 7, 2008

**TO:** Transportation and Communications Committee

**FROM:** Philip Law, Corridors Program Manager, 213-236-1841, law@scag.ca.gov

**SUBJECT:** Policy Direction Regarding TCC Task Forces and Advisory Committees

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:** 

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## **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Provide preliminary recommendation to the SCAG President.

This report is intended to provide the basis for discussion of the current task force and committee structure used to develop the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The ultimate goal of this discussion is to develop recommendations to the SCAG President regarding the disposition of each of the TCC Task Forces as we conclude the 2008 RTP cycle. Staff will take the direction and input received from this discussion and return at a later date with a formal memo to the SCAG President from the TCC outlining recommendations for improving the task force structure as it relates to the RTP development process.

## **BACKGROUND:**

To guide the RTP development, the TCC currently has four task forces that include elected officials and three advisory committees that do not include elected officials but rather technical experts and staff from partner transportation planning (or related) agencies.

### ***TASK FORCES (includes elected officials)***

- Aviation – provides policy direction to staff regarding the development of the RTP aviation and ground access strategies, including the development of a preferred regional air passenger and cargo demand allocation forecast and associated policies.
- Goods Movement – provides policy direction to staff regarding the development of the RTP goods movement strategy, including the identification and analysis of regional multi-modal goods movement needs, environmental and community impacts from goods movement activity, and related transportation finance strategies for goods movement projects.
- Maglev – provides policy direction to staff regarding the development of the RTP Maglev/high speed rail strategy, including the identification of the initial operating segment.
- Transportation Finance – provides policy direction to staff regarding the development of the RTP financial plan, including the identification and consideration of innovative financing options to address transportation funding gaps.

### ***TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES (does not include elected officials)***

- Aviation Technical Advisory Committee – comprises staff from airport operators in the SCAG region, and provides technical input to staff and the Aviation Task Force on issues including the passenger and cargo forecast, airport operations, and ground access.

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Plans & Programs Technical Advisory Committee – comprises staff from partner planning agencies and other stakeholders; provides input to staff and the TCC regarding the technical integrity of the RTP, including specific assumptions used in the performance analysis, financial forecast, and growth forecast.

Transit Technical Advisory Committee (Transit Operator Agreement Participation Process Requirement) – comprises staff representatives from the region's transit operators receiving federal funds; SCAG maintains current MOUs with such operators pursuant to federal planning regulations (23 CFR 450.314); the MOUs cover requirements for participation in the development of the RTP and RTIP, including the use of the Transit Technical Advisory Committee as a process for the operators to participate in consultation on these matters.

A full listing of all SCAG committees and task forces, beyond those directly part of the RTP process, is attached to this memo.

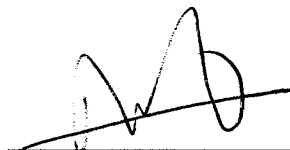
## OPTIONS

- 1) Maintain the current task force structure with no changes.  
*Task forces and committees may experience poor attendance and participation. Task force goals, objectives, and timelines should be clarified. Meeting schedules should be adjusted to eliminate unnecessary meetings.*
- 2) Consolidate task forces, e.g. have a single RTP Task Force provide policy recommendations to TCC on all matters relating to the RTP.
- 3) Have the TCC provide the primary policy direction, while creating ad-hoc task forces to address specific issues within a specified time frame.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

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**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**Matrix of Committees, Subcommittees and Task Forces**  
**FY 2008** (Revised 01/08/08)

Committee/ Subcommittee/ Task Force	Goals / Objectives	Composition	Lead Staff	Meeting Information	Sunset Date
<b>Administration Committee</b> <i>Chair: Hon. Ron Loveridge, Vice Chair: Hon. Jon Edney</i>	The Administration Committee is responsible for developing policy recommendations to the Regional Council on administration, human resources, budgets, finance, operations, communications, or any other matter specifically referred to the Committee by the Regional Council.	RC	Carmen Summers 213 236-1984	Every month   8 years	At discretion of RC
<b>Audit Subcommittee</b> <i>Chair: Hon. Paul Nowatka, Vice Chair: Hon. Paula Lantz</i>	OWP review; provide guidance regarding internal and external audit issues and implementing Best Practices	RC	Wayne Moore 213-236-1804	Every other month  5 years	At discretion of RC
<b>Aviation Task Force</b> <i>Co-Chairs: Hon. Alan Wapner &amp; Hon. Paul Glaab</i>	Provide policy guidance and input into the RTP on aviation matters	Elected Officials, Stakeholders, Technical Aviation Experts	Mike Armstrong 213-236-1914	As Needed  7 years	At discretion of RC
<b>Aviation Technical Advisory Committee</b> <i>Chair: Todd McNamee</i>	Addresses regional passenger and cargo demand allocation, environmental issues, ground access issues, and identifies scenarios for passenger and cargo	Airport Managers	Mike Armstrong 213-236-1914	Bi-Monthly	Annual On-going

Committee/ Subcommittee/ Task Force	Goals / Objectives	Composition	Lead Staff	Meeting Information	Sunset Date
	demand distribution analysis				
<b>Benchmarks Task Force</b> <i>Chair: Hon. Ron Loveridge, Vice Chair: Hon. Debbie Cook</i>	Provide guidance to the development of performance indicators and benchmarks for SCAG's Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) and State of the Region Report	RC, subregions, outside experts	Ping Chang 213-236-1839	As Needed  5 years	Annual Continuing
<b>Bylaws and Resolution Subcommittee</b> <i>Chair: Hon. Yvonne B. Burke</i>	Review proposed changes to SCAG's bylaws and any proposed resolutions for determination by the General Assembly	RC	Shelia Stewart 213-236-1868	As needed (annually prior to General Assembly)  4 years	Annual On-going
<b>Community, Economic and Human Development</b> <i>Chair: Jon Edney, Vice Chair: Larry McCallon</i>	Study problems, programs and other matters which pertain to the regional issues of community, economic and human development and growth. This committee reviews projects, plans and programs of regional significance for consistency and conformity with applicable regional plans.  The CEHD Committee has oversight of the Growth Visioning and Growth Forecasting processes, as well as the Regional Housing Needs Assessment, the Intergovernmental Review effort and the monitoring and analysis of the	RC, subregional representatives	Joe Carreras 213-236-1856	Monthly	At discretion of RC

Committee/ Subcommittee/ Task Force	Goals / Objectives	Composition	Lead Staff	Meeting Information	Sunset Date
	Regional Economy.				
<b>Compass Partnership</b> <i>Chair: Hon. Jeff Stone,</i> <i>Vice Chair: Greg</i> <i>McWilliams</i>	Serve as an extension of the Compass program into local communities by mobilizing private and non-profit interests and using their existing networks to stimulate the 2% Strategy Implementation, Monitoring & Consensus Building activities. The Partnership discusses the newest projects and policies of the Compass Program, and provides expert policy guidance, critical feedback and support to SCAG's efforts in linking housing and transportation.	Private sector regional stakeholders, elected officials	Mark Butala 213-236-1945	As Needed (Maximum 4 times a year)  3 years	Annual On-going
<b>Contracts Committee</b> <i>Chair: Hon. Pam</i> <i>O'Connor</i>	Initial review of contracts and purchase orders prior to submitting to Administrative Committee and RC for approval	RC	Wayne Moore 213-236-1804	As Needed	Dormant
<b>District Evaluations Subcommittee</b> <i>Chair: Hon. Larry</i> <i>McCallon, Vice Chair:</i> <i>Hon. Toni Young</i>	Evaluate RC districts based on adopted SCAG bylaws	Administration Committee	Joann Africa 213-236-1928	Monthly	Sunset after redistricting
<b>Energy and Environment Committee</b> <i>Chair: Debbie Cook,</i> <i>Vice Chair: Margaret</i>	Considers environmental and energy issues of regional significance, including but not limited to air quality, water quality, solid and hazardous waste, habitat preservation, environmental justice, and	Elected officials, subregional representatives	Jacob Lieb	Monthly	At discretion of RC

Committee/ Subcommittee/ Task Force	Goals / Objectives	Composition	Lead Staff	Meeting Information	Sunset Date
<i>Clark</i>	environmental impact analysis.			15 years	
<b>Energy Working Group</b> <i>Chair: Hon. Debbie Cook, Vice Chair: Hon. Margaret Clark</i>	Provide input into the Regional Comprehensive Plan process	Elected officials, local planners, energy experts, utilities	Jennifer Sarnecki 213-236-1829	Monthly during RCP process – as needed at other times	At discretion of EEC
<b>Executive Committee</b> <i>Chair: Hon. Gary Ovitt, Vice Chair: Hon. Richard Dixon</i>	The Executive Committee is responsible for developing policy recommendations to the Regional Council on administration, human resources, budgets, finance, operations, communications, or any other matter specifically referred to the Committee by the Regional Council.	RC	Shelia Stewart 213-236-1868	Monthly  8 years	At discretion of RC
<b>Goods Movement Task Force</b> <i>Chair: Hon. Art Brown</i>	Provide policy guidance in developing a more efficient goods movement system including improvements to the ports, trucking and rail systems, intermodal terminal access, and freight logistics	RC, CTA, CHP, Railroads, AAA, Airports, Ports, CTCs, ARB, Subregions, Caltrans, AQMD, ACTA, Teamsters, Enviro Groups	Annie Nam 213-236-1827 & Mike Jones 213 236-1978	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 9:30 am	Annual On-going
<b>High Speed Rail/MagLev Task Force</b> <i>Chair: Hon. Lou Bone</i>	Redefine 2004 RTP Maglev system, assess financial feasibility, assess environmental impacts, develop ridership projections, seek federal funding to	Airports, Rail, FHWA/FTA, Metrolink, CTCs, Caltrans, Elected	Richard Marcus 213-236-1819	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday 10:00 am	On-going



Committee/ Subcommittee/ Task Force	Goals / Objectives	Composition	Lead Staff	Meeting Information	Sunset Date
	conduct further analysis	Officials, Subregions, HSR			
<b>Investment Subcommittee</b> <i>Chair: Hon. Ron Loveridge</i>			Wayne Moore 213 236-1804		
<b>Membership &amp; Communication Subcommittee</b> <i>Chair: Hon. Glen Becerra, Vice Chair: Hon. Gene Daniels</i>	Provide policy direction to communications strategy, outreach, issues, and materials	RC	Barbara Dove 213-236-1861	Monthly, Tuesday before RC 10:00 am  10 years	Annual On-going
<b>Open Space Working Group</b> <i>Chair: Elizabeth Chaitin</i>		Includes RC Members	Jessica Kirchner 213-236-1983	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 10:00 am	
<b>Personnel Committee</b> <i>Chair: Hon. Richard Dixon</i>	Provide guidance in implementing personnel and human resources policies	Administration Committee Members	Debbie Dillon 213 236-1870  3 years	As Needed  3 years	At discretion of RC
<b>Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force</b> <i>Chair: Hon. Pam O'Connor</i>	Guide the completion of the RCP during FY 05 and 06 and advise the RC on eventual adoption of the Plan	RC	Jacob Lieb 213-236-1921	Monthly  3 years	At discretion of RC

Committee/ Subcommittee/ Task Force	Goals / Objectives	Composition	Lead Staff	Meeting Information	Sunset Date
<b>Regional Council</b> <i>Chair: Hon. Gary Ovitt, Vice Chair: Hon. Richard Dixon</i>	The Regional Council conducts the affairs of SCAG, implements the General Assembly's policy decisions, acts upon policy recommendations from SCAG policy committees and external agencies, appoints committees to study specific problems and programs, and amends, decreases or increases the proposed budget to be reported to the General Assembly.	RC	Shelia Stewart 213-236-1868	Monthly   15 years	
<b>Regional/Subregional Relations Task Force</b> <i>Chair: Hon. ??</i>	Improve communication between SCAG and subregions; define roles and responsibilities	RC, subregional elected officials, subregional staff	TBD 213 236-xxxx	As Needed	At discretion of RC
<b>Solid Waste Task Force</b> <i>Chair: Hon. Toni Young</i>	Develop strategies to significantly reduce disposed waste. Provide a forum for discussion on waste disposal, conversion, recycling.	Elected officials, public agencies, private businesses, regional citizens	Christine Fernandez 213 236-1923	4th Thursday 10:00 am  10 years	At discretion of RC
<b>Southwest Alliance</b> <i>Chair: Hon. Jon Edney</i>	Foster the creation of a southwest regional authority that will support a trade transportation strategy with an economic development component.	Elected officials, public agencies, private businesses	Huasha Liu 213-236-1838 Justus Stewart 213-236-1809	1st Wednesday 10:00 am  4 years	At discretion of RC
<b>Plans and Programs Technical Advisory Committee</b> <i>Chair: Ty Schuiling</i>	The Plans and Programs Technical Advisory Committee is charged with coordinating and ensuring the technical integrity of the RTP, including the overall	Staff from transportation planning (or related)	Ryan Kuo 213-236-1813	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 10:00 am  Currently	Annual On-going

<b>Committee/ Subcommittee/ Task Force</b>	<b>Goals / Objectives</b>	<b>Composition</b>	<b>Lead Staff</b>	<b>Meeting Information</b>	<b>Sunset Date</b>
<b>Vice Chair: Miles Mitchell</b>	technical analysis of the RTP as well as specific assumptions for finance, growth, aviation, freight, and modeling. The committee brings forward recommendations on technical aspects of the RTP to various task forces and policy committees.	agencies, representatives from community, environmental, business, and other interest groups		meeting on an as-needed basis	
<b>Transportation and Communications Committee Chair: Hon. Alan Wapner, Vice Chair: Hon. Mike Ten</b>	Study problems, programs and other matters which pertain to the regional issues of mobility, air (quality), transportation control measures and communications, and make recommendations on such matters to the Regional Council.  Major programs that are under the purview of TCC are the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), Aviation, Highway, Transportation Finance and Transportation Conformity.	RC, subregional representatives	Naresh Amatya 213-236-1885	Monthly	At discretion of RC
<b>Transportation Finance Task Force Chair: Hon. Richard Dixon</b>	Oversee development of finance chapter of the RCP and RTP financial aspects, identify additional revenue sources, assess fuel tax replacement options, incorporate TEA-21 revenues into financial forecast, identify and consider innovative financing options	TCC, CTCs, Subregions, Caltrans, ARB, technical staff	Annie Nam 213-236-1827	As Needed	4 years

Committee/ Subcommittee/ Task Force	Goals / Objectives	Composition	Lead Staff	Meeting Information	Sunset Date
<b>Tribal Government Relations Task Force</b> <i>Chair: Hon. Ron Roberts</i>	Develop and implement relationships with Native American Tribes	RC, representatives of Tribal Nations	Arnold San Miguel 951-784-1925-	TBD	At discretion of RC
<b>Water Policy Task Force</b> <i>Chair: Hon. Dennis Washburn</i>	Consider regional stormwater, water quality and water supply issues and recommend policy to EEC. Review water quality studies developed by staff.	EEC, Local Govt, Business, Regulatory, Water Agencies	Dan Griset 213-236-1895	4th Thursday 5 times per year 10 years	Annual On-going
<b>OTHER GROUPS</b>					
<b>Four Corners Policy Committee</b> <i>Chair: Hon. John Beauman, Vice Chair: Carol Herrera</i>	Group originally petitioned SCAG to fund a 2000 Four Corners Corridor Study. Since study completed, group monitors preferred strategies list identified in study, plus various other transportation issues of interest to determine their impact on the Four Corners area.	RC, TCC, non- SCAG electeds, technical staff	Joe Alcock 213 236-1848	Monthly (at Chair's discretion)	On-going, SCAG's role is at discretion of SCAG mgmt.
<b>Transit Technical Advisory Committee</b> <i>Chair: Steve Fox, LA Metro</i>	Serves as the committee for coordination with the transit operators per SCAG's MOU with the transit Operators as required under Federal Regs (23 CFR 450.314).	Transit Operators	Bob Huddy 213-236-1972	As needed	Required per Transit Operators Agreement

# MEMO

**DATE:** February 7, 2008

**TO:** Transportation and Communications Committee

**FROM:** Naresh Amatya, Acting Manager of Transportation Planning and Programming,  
213-236-1885, Amatya@scag.ca.gov

**SUBJECT:** Update on the Draft 2008 RTP

## BACKGROUND:

Since the release of the Draft 2008 RTP on December 6, 2007, we have received several comments from our stakeholders and members of the public.

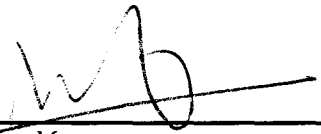
This committee instructed staff to ensure that all relevant documents supporting the four major projects in the Plan (CETAP, High Desert Corridor, I-710 Tunnel, Orangeline) be compiled and considered for inclusion in the final RTP. A letter requesting supporting documentation was signed by Chair Wapner and sent to the appropriate agencies. We have received documentation in support of the Orangeline and expect to hear a response from the other Agencies shortly.

As required by law and in accordance with our Public Participation Plan, three public hearings were held in January to allow stakeholders and the public to comment on the Draft RTP. To encourage participation at these public hearings, Staff mailed out nearly 4,500 letters to our regional stakeholders announcing the hearings. The public comment period will end on February 18, 2008. All comments received during the public comment period, including those received at the public hearings, will be documented and considered in finalizing the RTP.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

No impact. Budget for this work is fully reflected in the current OWP.

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# MEMO

**DATE:** February 7, 2008

**TO:** Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD)  
Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)  
Transportation and Communications Committee (TCC)  
Regional Council

**FROM:** Hasan Ikhmeta, Executive Director 

**SUBJECT:** 2008 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Growth Forecast

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## BACKGROUND:

This memorandum is being provided to inform SCAG's Regional Council as well as its three Policy Committees about recent developments related to the Growth Forecast included in the Draft 2008 Regional Transportation Plan. As way of background, since early 2005, SCAG staff has been developing the Integrated Growth Forecast, a forecast which seeks to integrate regional transportation and housing planning, and describes how population, household, and employment growth in the next 30 years could be accommodated within the SCAG region. The Integrated Growth Forecast process has resulted in many accomplishments for SCAG thus far, including the following:

- Update of growth forecasts with most recent statistics;
- Extensive and on-going input and review by local jurisdictions/subregions;
- Integrated Growth Forecast/RHNA workshops in Fall 2006; and
- Completion of the 4<sup>th</sup> cycle RHNA Plan.

The Integrated Growth Forecast process has also led to the development of the 2008 RTP Draft Baseline Growth Forecast and the 2008 RTP Draft Policy Growth Forecast. The CEHD Committee has been providing direction to SCAG staff and consultant team regarding development of these forecasts, and on November 1, 2007, authorized the release of the 2008 RTP Draft Baseline and Policy Growth Forecasts for public review and comment.

On December 6, 2007, TCC released for public review and comment the entire Draft 2008 RTP. The Draft 2008 RTP is based upon the incorporation of the Draft Policy Growth Forecast. Recently, SCAG staff has received comments from some of SCAG's subregional partners questioning whether SCAG should follow this approach. At this time, SCAG staff is continuing to receive and analyze all comments regarding the Draft 2008 RTP. The final growth forecast recommendation could change based upon comments received during the public comment period and upon further analysis and consultation by staff as it prepares to finalize the 2008 RTP. However, staff finds it important to apprise the Regional Council and the Policy Committees of these recent developments in order to foster informed decision-making regarding the appropriate 2008 RTP Growth Forecast. Therefore, additional information regarding the Baseline Growth Forecast and Policy Growth Forecast is provided below.

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Staff also seeks to confirm what is legally required of SCAG with respect to the RTP growth forecast. As the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for an air quality non-attainment and maintenance area under the Clean Air Act, SCAG is required as part of its RTP update process to confirm the RTP's validity and consistency with current and "forecasted transportation and land use conditions and trends and to extend the forecast period to at least a 20-year planning horizon." (Refer to 23 CFR 450.322(c) for additional information).

In updating the RTP, SCAG shall base the update on the latest available estimates and assumptions for population, land use, travel, employment, congestion, and economic activity. SCAG must approve the RTP contents and supporting analyses produced by a transportation plan update. (Refer to 23 CFR 450.322(e) for additional information). As further explained below, the Baseline Growth Forecast and the Policy Growth Forecast are both based upon the latest available estimates and assumptions for population, land use, travel, employment, congestion, and economic activity. Therefore, use of either the Baseline Growth Forecast or the Policy Growth Forecasts in the Final 2008 RTP approved by the Regional Council would meet the above requirements.

## **What is the Baseline Growth Forecast?**

The Draft Baseline Growth Forecast for the 2008 RTP represents the most likely growth distribution based upon current growth projections provided to SCAG. As stated in the Draft 2008 RTP, "a baseline growth forecast is a snapshot of the most likely population and employment level in the future. It is a technical growth forecast ... [that] reflects historical trends, based on reasonable key technical assumptions, and existing and new approved local or regional projects. Specifically, the baseline growth forecast is a result of updating the 2004 RTP no-project growth forecasts with current demographic and economic trends, the latest land use changes, newly approved regionally significant projects, general plan or specific plan updates, and/or zoning revisions." (2008 Draft RTP, Integrated Growth Forecast and Regional Land Use Policies Report, page 7).

Development of the Baseline Growth Forecast includes incorporation of the following recent county input:

1. Imperial County: the 2035 consensus total population, household, and employment growth projections at Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ) and city levels agreed upon by SCAG, IVAG, and Caltrans District 11.
2. Los Angeles County: the 2035 total population, household, and employment growth projections at census tract and city levels provided by subregions/cities.
3. Orange County: the Adopted 2006 OCP 2035 total housing and employment projections at census tract, city, and county levels.
4. Riverside County: the 2006 RCP 2035 total population, household, and employment projections at census tract, city, and county levels.
5. San Bernardino County: the 2035 household and employment projections at census tract, city, and county levels provided by SANBAG.
6. Ventura County: the 2035 total population, household, and employment growth projections at census tract and city levels provided by VCOG.

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In addition, this technical forecast at the regional level was presented to both SCAG's Plans and Programs Technical Advisory Committee and the Panel of Experts on various occasions to ensure technical consistency and integrity with major variables such as population, employment, household, and to build upon this bottom-up process by summing up all local/subregional projections.

According to the Baseline Growth Forecast, the SCAG region will add 5.9 million people to reach 24 million people by 2035. Supporting this population in 2035 will be a total of 10.3 million jobs in 2035 with 2.5 million new jobs. This level of population and job growth is expected to yield 2 million additional households in the region at an average of three persons per household. As noted in the Draft 2008 RTP, the substantial amount of projected growth will pose serious transportation and air quality challenges for the SCAG region.

## **What is the Draft Policy Growth Forecast for 2008 RTP?**

While the Draft Baseline Growth Forecast incorporates a certain level of regional policy consideration, the Draft Policy Growth Forecast for 2008 RTP seeks to enhance the Baseline Growth Forecast by way of a redistribution of growth at the county, subregion, city, and TAZ level using key regional land use policies, strategies and principles so as to help address the serious transportation and air quality challenges facing the SCAG region.

As noted in the Draft 2008 RTP, "[the Baseline Growth Forecast] would yield a growth scenario very similar to the status quo, taking a somewhat 'business as usual' approach." (2008 Draft RTP, Integrated Growth Forecast and Regional Land Use Policies Report, page 11). In contrast, the Draft Policy Growth Forecast further advances SCAG's adopted Compass Blueprint land use policies, strategies and principles, and focuses on geographic specific locations with transportation/transit advantage, including the interaction between transit network and employment centers. The Policy Growth Forecast therefore represents primarily a shifting of land uses across counties and an intensification of land uses around transit centers and employment centers.

Specifically, the 2008 RTP Draft Policy Growth Forecast is based upon the following land use policies, strategies and principles as directed by CEHD in August 2007:

- Improving the localized balance between jobs and housing;
- Increasing potential transit ridership by focusing growth to transit supportive areas;
- Enhancing existing and emerging employment and residential centers;
- Shifting balance of new development from low-density single-family housing to mixed-use and higher density housing;
- Maintaining stable single-family areas;
- Minimizing new separate use commercial or residential development in outlying areas; and
- Minimizing very high density development in areas that are not effectively served by transit or are not within identified employment centers.

In addition to these growth strategies, the Draft Policy Growth Forecast also includes the results of research performed at a local scale during the last two years. The primary sources of this research include a series of demonstration projects whereby SCAG supported local planning initiatives, and a "reality check" process



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where SCAG's consultant team worked with seven cities to explore in depth, the relationship between their general plans, the RTP and results of recent and projected economic and demographic trends.

## **Air Quality Conformity**

Transportation conformity is required under the federal Clean Air Act (CAA) to ensure that federally supported highway and transit project activities are consistent with, or "conform to," the purpose of the State Implementation Plan (SIP). In California, SIP development is a joint effort of the local air agencies and the California Air Resources Board (ARB) working with federal, state and local agencies, including MPOs such as SCAG. Conformity to the SIP means that transportation activities will not cause new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the relevant National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). Conformity regulations also require that the RTP "quantify and document the demographic and employment factors influencing expected transportation demand, including land use forecasts, in accordance with implementation plan provisions and the consultation requirements."

SCAG's conformity analysis demonstrates a positive finding for the Draft 2008 RTP. While this conformity analysis is based upon utilization of the Policy Growth Forecast and the transportation project list of the Draft Plan, staff finds that air quality conformity may also be achieved using the Baseline Growth Forecast. Staff continues to work on the conformity analysis, including conducting interagency consultation and responding to comments from interested parties. The formal conformity finding will be based upon the adopted RTP, including the adopted growth forecast for the 2008 RTP.

## **Next Steps**

SCAG staff will continue to accept and assess all comments received regarding the Draft 2008 RTP until February 19, 2008. In March 2008, staff intends to apprise the CEHD Committee of comments received specifically related to the RTP Growth Forecast. At the same time, staff will also present options for CEHD to consider and approve regarding a final growth forecast recommendation for the 2008 RTP. To this effect, SCAG staff will recommend a growth forecast that represents a consensus vision consistent with previously-adopted SCAG regional policies. Based upon the direction of CEHD, staff will prepare the Final 2008 RTP which is scheduled for review and adoption by the Regional Council in April 2008.

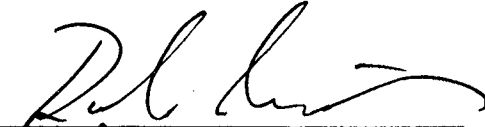
## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Development of the Draft 2008 RTP Integrated Growth Forecast and transportation modeling assessment are adequately programmed and budgeted in following work elements of the FY 07-08 Budget:


- 08-055.SCGS1 Regional Growth Forecasting and Policy Analysis (Staff)
- 08-065.SCGS1 Compass Blueprint Implementation (Consultant)
- 08-065.SCGC1 Compass Blueprint Implementation (Staff)
- 08-070.SCGS1 Regional Transportation Modeling Support (Staff)

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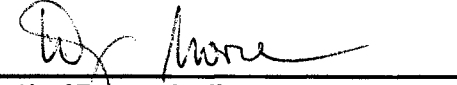
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# MEMO

**DATE:** February 7, 2008

**TO:** Transportation and Communications Committee

**FROM:** Philip Law, Corridors Program Manager, 213-236-1841, law@scag.ca.gov

**SUBJECT:** Update on the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF)

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## **BACKGROUND:**

Proposition 1B, approved by the California voters in November 2006, provided for \$2 billion statewide in the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) for infrastructure improvements along corridors that have a high volume of freight movement. The California Transportation Commission (CTC) has proposed an additional \$1 billion to come from the State Highway Account and potential new funding sources.

The CTC supports a corridor-based programming approach for TCIF. The LA/Inland Empire trade corridor, which includes the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura, has a funding target of \$1.5 billion to \$1.7 billion. Imperial County is included in the Other funding category, which has a target of \$60 million to \$80 million. The funding targets are not intended to constrain either the projects proposed or the allocations determined by the CTC.

### ***Schedule***

Nov. 27, 2007	TCIF guidelines adopted by CTC
Jan. 17, 2008	TCIF project nominations due to CTC
Feb. 19, 2008	Hearing at MTA
Feb. 20, 2008	Hearing at SANDAG
Mar. 13, 2008	CTC issues staff recommendations
Apr. 10, 2008	CTC adopts initial TCIF program

### ***Project Screening and Evaluation***

The TCIF guidelines adopted by the CTC identify several project screening criteria: eligibility (consistency with state and regional plans and available funding match), deliverability (project must begin construction by Dec. 31, 2013), air quality (project contributes to emission reduction), and economics/job growth. Projects will be evaluated on three factors: freight system (throughput, velocity, reliability), transportation system (safety, congestion reduction/mitigation, bottleneck relief, multi-modal strategy, interregional benefits), and community impact factors (air quality impact, community impact mitigation, economics/job growth).

SCAG has participated in the statewide discussions on project evaluation and screening criteria, particularly as they relate to air quality. At the request of the region's county transportation commissions, SCAG staff has also completed an analysis of the proposed highway and grade separation projects, which demonstrates positive mobility and air quality benefits.

### ***Other Proposition 1B Funding for Goods Movement***

Proposition 1B provides for an additional \$1 billion in the Goods Movement Emissions Reduction Program.



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California Air Resources Board staff is proposing that \$25 million go to diesel emission reduction projects for the South Coast, Central Valley, San Francisco and San Diego air districts, mostly for truck retrofit and replacements. These recommendations will be before the entire Board for approval on January 24, 2008.

ARB also plans to allocate more than 75 percent of the \$1 billion to be used toward reducing diesel pollution from trucks associated with goods movement around the state. The remaining 24 percent of funding, \$240 million, will go to diesel emission reductions from ships, harbor craft, and locomotives.

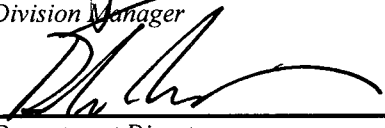
## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

No fiscal impact to SCAG's OWP.

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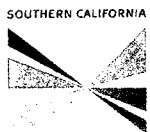
  
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## Southern California Consensus Group TCIF List

Project Name	Total Project Cost	TCIF Request (in Millions)
<b>Tier 1</b>		
<b>Los Angeles County</b>		
ACE: San Gabriel Valley Grade Separation Program	\$700.0	\$350.0
SR47 Port Access Expressway/Schuyler Heim Bridge Replacement	\$686.0	\$158.0
ACE: Gateway – Valley View Grade Separation	\$79.0	\$26.0
New Siding on the Antelope Valley Line for Freight Trains	\$15.0	\$7.5
I-110/SR-47 Interchange & John S. Gibson Blvd Intersection/NB I-110	\$44.0	\$14.7
I-110 Fwy/C Street Interchange Improvement	\$24.8	\$8.3
Washington Blvd Widening & Reconstruction Project	\$32.0	\$5.8
South Wilmington Grade Separation	\$60.0	\$17.0
Replace Gerald Desmond Bridge	\$800.5	\$250.0
Ports Rail System	\$534.8	\$200.0
<b>Orange County</b>		
Connecting interchange on WB SR91 (I-5 to 57)	\$73.4	\$23.0
ACE: State College Blvd Grade Separation	\$62.1	\$31.0
ACE: Placentia Ave Undercrossing	\$29.9	\$14.9
ACE: Orangethorpe Ave Overcrossing	\$84.0	\$42.0
ACE: Kraemer Blvd Undercrossing	\$45.9	\$23.0
ACE: Raymond Ave Grade Separation	\$63.7	\$31.9
ACE: Lakeview Ave Overcrossing	\$58.5	\$28.7
ACE: Tustin Ave/Rose Dr Overcrossing	\$63.4	\$31.7
<b>Riverside County</b>		
ACE: Columbia Ave Grade Separation (BNSF & UP)	\$29.1	\$6.0
ACE: Auto Center Dr Grade Separation (BNSF)	\$32.0	\$16.0
ACE: Magnolia Ave Grade Separation (UP)	\$51.2	\$20.0
ACE: Iowa Ave Grade Separation (BNSF & UP)	\$32.0	\$13.0
ACE: Sunset Ave Grade Separation (UP)	\$36.5	\$10.0
ACE: Streeter Ave Grade Separation (UP)	\$36.8	\$15.5
ACE: Ave 56 Grade Separation (UP)	\$60.0	\$10.0
ACE: Ave 66 Grade Separation (UP)	\$33.5	\$10.0
ACE: Clay St Grade Separation (UP)	\$37.0	\$12.5
ACE: Riverside Ave Grade Separation (UP)	\$30.3	\$8.5
ACE: 3 <sup>rd</sup> St Grade Separation (BNSF & UP)	\$40.2	\$17.5
ACE: Magnolia Ave Grade Separation (BNSF)	\$80.0	\$20.0
March Inland Cargo Port Airport – I-215 Van Buren Ground Access Improvement Project	\$97.5	\$10.0
<b>San Bernardino County</b>		
I-15 Widening & Devore Interchange (at I-215) Reconstruction	\$238.9	\$119.1
Interstate 10 Corridor Logistics Access Project	\$165.3	\$68.5
ACE: Glen Helen Grade Separation at BNSF/UP Cajon	\$26.9	\$7.2
ACE: N. Milliken Grade Separation at UP Alhambra	\$74.0	\$6.5
ACE: S. Milliken Grade Separation at UP Los Angeles	\$30.1	\$8.0
ACE: Valley Grade Separation at BNSF/UP San Bernardino	\$28.7	\$7.6
ACE: Palm Grade Separation at BNSF/UP Cajon	\$35.2	\$9.4
ACE: Lenwood Grade Separation at BNSF Cajon	\$25.1	\$6.7
ACE: Vineyard Grade Separation at UP Alhambra	\$25.8	\$6.9
ACE: S. Archibald Grade Separation at UP Los Angeles	\$30.5	\$8.1
<b>Ventura County</b>		
Reconstruct US-101-Rice Ave Interchange (Oxnard)	\$75.0	\$33.9
<b>Total Tier 1</b>	<b>\$4,808.5</b>	<b>\$1,714.4</b>



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## Southern California Consensus Group TCIF List

Project Name	Total Project Cost	TCIF Request (in Millions)
<b>Tier 2</b>		
<b>Los Angeles County</b>		
ACE: Nogales Grade Separation	\$106.0	\$53.0
SR47 On-Ramp & Off-Ramp at Front Street	\$23.8	\$10.0
I-5 Truck Lane, Calgrove to SR14	\$110.0	\$55.0
Navy Way Connector to Westbound Seaside Ave (SR47)	\$47.8	\$20.0
Ports Rail Program – Phase 2	\$423.7	\$100.0
<b>Orange County</b>		
SR57 Truck Climbing Lane	\$158.2	\$51.0
<b>Riverside County</b>		
ACE: Mary St Grade Separation (UP)	\$38.0	\$17.7
ACE: Jurupa Rd Grade Separation (UP)	\$108.4	\$10.0
I-10/SR60 Truck Climbing Lane	\$46.0	\$23.0
<b>San Bernardino County</b>		
High Desert Corridor – Phase 1 A from I-15 to Phantom East	\$400.0	\$150.0
<b>Ventura County</b>		
Freight Siding between Las Posas Rd & Pleasant Valley Rd	\$15.0	\$7.5
<b>Total Tier 2</b>	<b>\$1,476.9</b>	<b>\$497.2</b>

# MEMO

**DATE:** February 7, 2008

**TO:** Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD)  
Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)  
Transportation and Communication Committee (TCC)

**FROM:** Membership & Communication Subcommittee

**SUBJECT:** 2008 Regional Champion Awards

## BACKGROUND:

The nomination process for SCAG's annual Regional Champion Awards is underway. These awards acknowledge individuals who perform exemplary service in the Region. Each policy committee may nominate a person who is worthy of such recognition. Candidates should be members of the regional community who go "above and beyond the usual" to serve our Region. The Membership & Communication Subcommittee also has an award to bestow recognizing service in the area of communication and media.

Please bring your nominations for discussion at the February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Policy Committees have until the March meetings to consider and select their Regional Champions who will be recognized at the 2008 General Assembly on May 8th.

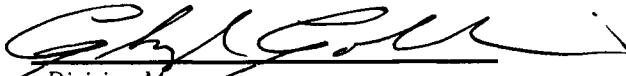
Previous Regional Champions include:

- > In 2005, Randall W. Lewis (CEHD), Kay Martin (EEC), and Tony Valdez (Communication & Membership);
- > In 2006, Art Gallucci (CEHD), James Stahl (EEC), Geraldine Knatz & Richard Steinke (TCC), and Ray Gonzalez (Communication & Membership);
- > In 2007, Hunter Johnson (CEHD), Mike Mohajer (EEC), and Lisa Howard (Communication & Membership).

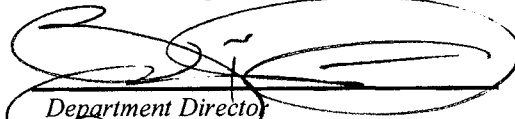
## FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact beyond the nominal cost of the awards.

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**2008 REGIONAL CHAMPION AWARD**

**NOMINATION FORM**

1. Nominee's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Employed by \_\_\_\_\_
  - Profession \_\_\_\_\_
  - Community and civic activities (if known) \_\_\_\_\_
2. Brief description of accomplishments  
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3. Please write a short summary of how this person has contributed to the concept of regionalism  
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4. Major publications, awards, and other recognition the person has received (if known)  
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